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### **City of Austin, Budget Lodge agree to permanent injunction prohibiting nuisances on property**

On December 1, 2008, the Austin City Attorney's Office and the Travis County District Attorney's Office jointly filed suit on behalf of the City of Austin against the Budget Lodge Hotel, located at Rundberg and I-35. The lawsuit was filed under the state's nuisance abatement statute, in response to the high volume of criminal activity occurring at the hotel.

Today the Budget Lodge agreed to a permanent injunction prohibiting it from maintaining a nuisance on the property. As a condition of this injunction, the Budget Lodge has agreed to implement twenty specific measures to abate the criminal activity on the property.

Nuisance abatement actions like the one against Budget Lodge are effective complements to traditional law enforcement measures in an effort to restore the safety and welfare of neighborhoods. The cooperation of the citizens of this area was essential to the success of the abatement lawsuit.

If Budget Lodge fails to comply with the terms of the agreement, they will have 7 days to correct the problem. Failure to do so could result in the court ordering the property closed for one year.

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